



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Tadashi YAMAMOTO, et al.

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Examiner: Geoffrey S. EVANS

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For: ULTRASHORT PULSE LASER PROCESSING WITH CONTROLLED THERMAL
AND PHYSICAL ALTERATIONS TO ENHANCE PROCESSING RESULTS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2006, please consider the comments and arguments as follows on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-84 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected the majority of applicant's claims under either 35 U.S.C. § 102 or 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable in view of Sun et al. 2006/0131288. A number of additional references have been cited for various details which appear in subsidiary claims, but it is apparent that the Examiner's position stands or falls based on the disclosure of Sun et al. As Sun is not believed to be relevant to the invention as claimed,